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Presentations to the Joint Transportation Committee

I was accompanied by Deputy Chief George Capacci and Vessel Project Engineer Dave Visneski in a presentation to the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) on aluminum versus steel superstructure for the 144-auto ferry. I enjoyed the opportunity to present to the JTC and discuss our experiences with both materials and the benefits and costs of each. At this meeting, the JTC also heard from the Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) expert panel on their recommendations following the panel's review of WSF's operation and management practices. I was asked to partner in the discussion and respond to questions. WSF is working diligently on the action plan, due Nov. 15 to the Governor, in response to the PVA's recommendations. You may read the PVA's report at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/accountability

New Vessel Construction Milestone Reached: Kennewick Keel Laying

This week the keel was laid on the new ferry Kennewick at Todd Pacific Shipyards. This marks a milestone for the third vessel in the Kwa-di Tabil Class. The Kennewick is scheduled to be in service in 2012, following the Salish in 2011 and the Chetzemoka's inaugural sailing on Sunday, Nov. 14. For more information on the new vessel construction program visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/64carferries/

Mukilteo Ferry Terminal Project Scoping Meetings: Two New Meetings Added

Thanks to everyone who has participated in a Mukilteo Ferry Terminal Project scoping meeting this week in Mukilteo, on Whidbey Island, or online. We have added two meetings to the calendar, including: Wednesday, Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m., at Edmonds City Hall, Brackett Meeting Room, 121 5th Ave. N; and Thursday, Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m., at the City of Everett Public Hearing Room, Wall Street Building, 2930 Wetmore Ave. To participate in a public meeting and to learn more about the project, please visit the project webpage at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/

Washington Tribal-State Transportation Conference

On Wednesday, I joined Secretary Hammond and the Federal Transit Administration at the Washington Tribal-State Transportation Conference in Tulalip. I really appreciated the opportunity to bring tribes and transportation agencies together to identify, discuss and make connections between programs.

First Temporary Layoff Day

WSF offices were closed on Monday, Oct. 11, as part of legislatively mandated temporary layoffs due to state budget reductions. I apologize for any inconvenience experienced by WSF customers. Although offices were closed, WSF employees directly involved with the operation of the fleet worked to run the ferries.

Next Week:

- U.S. Coast Guard Presentation
- Washington State Transportation Commission Meeting
- Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council Meeting

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